Revamping NHAI

2840. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve the poor performance of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) over the past five years, the Government has decided to revamp its organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the overall road development infrastructure is not as per the required one in the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent the revamp of the NHAI organisation is going to affect the growth of road infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) The length of highways completed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the last five years as under does not reflect poor performance:

Year	Completed length (in km)
2004-05	2351
2005-06	753
2006-07	635
2007-08	1682
2008-09	2205

However, considering the enhanced mandate of NHAI to implement the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Government has approved re-structuring of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to enhance its institutional capacity by making it multi-disciplinary professional body with quality financial management and contract management expertise. The salient features of re-structuring are:-

(i) Selection of the Chairman by a search committee with tenure fixed for at least three years which may be extended upto five years.

(ii) Increase in the number of full time Members from five to six and the number of part-time Member from four to six.

(iii) Creation of additional posts of Chief General Managers (CGMs).

(iv) Creation of Cells with experts in the areas of finance, legal, safety, quality control, Project Appraisal etc., and

(v) Empowering the NHAI to engage where required outside experts.

Constructing 12,000 kms road during current financial year

2841. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out a plan of constructing nearly 12 thousand kms of road during the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether Government has also estimated requirement of Rs. one lakh crore for investment in road development projects;

(c) if so, whether Government has since taken any steps to generate the required funds and also find out investors for the road development projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes sir. A plan has been worked out by the Government to undertake the works of nearly 12,000 km of National Highways during the current financial year. The Government is exploring various options to generate the required funds. The projects are proposed to be under taken on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis where Government investment may be up to 40 % of the project cost and the remaining from the private sector. Government is also taking steps including road shows in India and abroad in collaboration with industries and lenders to generate private sector investment in the road projects.

Four laning of NHs in Rajasthan

2842. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has proposed four laning of NH-11 (Jaipur-Ringus-Sikar road section), NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar road section up to Madhya Pradesh Border), NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi road section) and NH-8 (Beawar-Udaipur Section);

(b) if so, when these National Highways are likely to be four laned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the stretch between Chitorgarh to Neemuch of NH-79 upto Madhya Pradesh border qualify for four laning; and

(d) if so, by when these stretches are likely to be four laned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11, Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH-12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara section of NH-14 have been identified for four laning under NHDP Phase III. Beawar to Gomti section of NH-8 has been taken up for development with two lane with paved shoulders. The feasibility study for Gomti to Udaipur section has recently been completed.

(b) Bids for projects for Jaipur-Reengus section of NH-11 and Jaipur-Tonk-Deoli section of NH-12 have been received. Feasibility study of Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11 and Deoli-Kota section of NH-12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi section of NH-14 have been completed.

(c) and (d) The stretch between Chitorgarh to Neemuch of NH-79 upto Madhya Pradesh border has been included in the Annual Plan 2009-10 for feasibility study for four laning. Four laning of the stretch will depend upon the outcome of the study.